

## LAUNCH BIG BATTLESHIP NEXT WEEK

New York Will Be the Most Pow-  
erful Vessel in United  
States Navy

BUILT IN U. S. SHIPYARDS

Shows That Assistance of Private  
Concerns Is No Longer  
Necessary

WILL HAVE 14-INCH GUNS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—The United States battleship New York is to be launched at the Brooklyn navy yard next week, and President Taft Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Governor Dix, Mayor Gaynor and many other notables are expected to be on hand to watch the most powerful vessel in the United States navy take her first plunge into the water.

The New York and her sister ship, the Texas, are each 2,000 tons heavier than any other warship that has ever been launched in this country. The New York is 3,175 tons heavier than the battleship Florida, the last warship constructed at the Brooklyn navy yard and which was the biggest ship of its class afloat at the time of her completion only two years ago.

The battleship New York was authorized by Congress in 1910. At first bids were asked for, but later these were rejected and it was decided to build the vessel in the Government yard at Brooklyn.

**70 Per Cent Completed.**  
The keel was laid on September 11, 1911, and a board hoisted near the site where the ship grew says: "U. S. S. New York, Battleship No. 34, Length, 373 feet; breadth 55 feet 34 inches; displacement 27,000 tons; mean draught, 28 feet 6 inches." Since then the huge vessel has grown steadily and when she takes the water she will be nearly 70 per cent completed. Early next fall she is to be completed and ready to take her place as one of the five units in the first division of the Atlantic Fleet, of which she will probably be the flagship.

Not only in size but in the calibre of the guns at their main batteries were the New York and Texas designed to be the most formidable battleships ever built. Up to the present time the 13-inch gun, which has not been used on any of the newer ships of the navy, has been the limit in caliber of naval guns. The New York and Texas, however, will each carry ten 14-inch guns, mounted two to a turret and so arranged that all of them can be fired in a broadside, or forward, or aft, at the same time.

The arrangement of three turrets aft and two forwards of the bridge is the work of the Naval Construction Corps of the United States navy. Great Britain has followed this design in her new dreadnoughts, and this is considered one of the highest compliments ever paid American designers and constructors.

**Has Many Safeguards.**  
The New York's engines will be of 25,000 horse-power, 3,000 more than those of the Florida. If the expectations of her designers are fulfilled she will be able to maintain a speed of 21 knots an hour or better. The engines are triple expansion, four cylinder reciprocating engines.

The armor of the new battleship will be of sufficient thickness for defense against torpedo boat attack, and there will be strong bulkheads as an additional protection against mines and torpedo explosions.

The New York and the Texas will be of the same type as the dreadnoughts Oklahoma and Nevada, which have been authorized by Congress. The two last-named, however, will be about ten feet longer and of 500 tons greater displacement than the New York and the Texas.

The launching of a big battleship is an important event in itself, but in the case of the New York the ceremony will be more notable because the Navy Department will have demonstrated that it is fully equipped and competent enough to construct the largest battleships in its own shipyards without assistance from private concerns. True, the progress in the construction of the New York has not been so rapid as that on her sister ship Texas, now nearing completion at Newport News, but the fault has not been with the officials or workmen at the Brooklyn navy yard. After the keel of the New York was laid down the work on the ship was stopped for a while by Sec-

## MORGAN CO. GOT BIG COMMISSION FOR TRUST DEAL.

New York, Oct. 25.—The J. P. Morgan Co. received three million dollars in International Harvester stock as commission for the sale of D. M. Osborne & Co.'s plant to the so-called trust, according to William Hamilton of the Morgan firm, who testified in the government proceeding against the Harvester Co. today.

## FIRST POLISH COLLEGE IN U. S. TO BE DEDICATED

Cambridge Springs, Pa., Oct. 25.—Preparations are completed for the dedication, here tomorrow of the Polish National Alliance College, the first college of the Polish National Alliance established in the United States. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to attend the dedication exercises tomorrow and President Taft will be the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the great Polish-American demonstration which has been planned for this memorable occasion. The Polish National Alliance in this country has a total membership of more than 100,000 and branches in many States. The college to be dedicated here tomorrow is non-sectarian in its character and will be maintained by the united efforts of the thousands of members of the Polish National Alliance.

## DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Inquest Held Yesterday.

After hearing the testimony of the only witnesses available, the coroner's jury impaneled by Coroner Fisher to investigate the death of John Deste-fanie, who was killed yesterday in the C. & H. mine, returned a verdict of accidental death. Deste-fanie came to his death as a result of a fall into the No. 5 shaft from the 51st level for a distance of about 170 feet. He was almost instantly killed.

There were no witnesses except the men working in the bottom of the shaft, who testified as to seeing the body fall. Just how the man came to fall into the shaft is unknown.

The decedent was a married man, about 35 years of age. He was employed as a sprinker. Besides his wife, several children survive, all of whom reside in Yellow Jacket.

## GIVES CREDIT TO MACK.

Wagner of Red Sox Has Boost for Athletic Leader.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 25.—"Heinie" Wagner, shortstop and captain of the Boston Red Sox world's champions, gives Connie Mack credit for winning the championship for his team in a letter written to Philadelphia friends. "Before the world's series," writes Wagner, "Connie was asked to talk to us about the Giants and how we had to play to beat them. Connie did talk to us, and told us the Giants' strong points and their weak points, and what we had to do to beat them. He told us more in ten minutes than all our scouts discovered by watching them for several weeks, and all we could have learned about them ourselves in a year. I doubt if we could have beaten New York without the knowledge that Mack put into us."

## IN MEMORY OF DECATUR.

Bronze Tablet Unveiled in Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 25.—In commemoration of the capture of the British man-of-war Decatur by Commodore Stephen Decatur during the war of 1812, a beautiful bronze tablet, more than three feet in height and nearly two feet wide, and bearing a relief bust of the intrepid commander and an appropriate inscription, was unveiled today in one of the buildings at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The exercises at the dedication were brief but impressive, and a large crowd of invited guests was in attendance.

## T. R. BEGINS ACTIVE WORK.

Oyster Bay, Oct. 25.—Roosevelt took up active campaign work today for the first time since he was shot. He dictated a number of letters to Progressive leaders, and began the preparation of a speech which he expects to deliver in New York next week. Roosevelt, still weak, finds himself greatly fatigued if he undertakes too much.

## COURT MARTIAL FOR DIAZ.

Vera Cruz, Oct. 25.—Major Zarate, Major Cuesta, two captured officers of the staff of Felix Diaz, were shot by federal troops last night, after being sentenced to death by court martial. Felix Diaz will be brought before the court martial this afternoon. Public opinion against Diaz is strong.

retary Meyer until it could be surely ascertained that the \$6,000,000 provided by Congress would be sufficient to cover the expense.

## IS HOPEFUL OF THE OUTCOME

Becker, Convicted of Murder, Be-  
lieves He Will Yet Be a  
Free Man

TO BE SENTENCED NEXT WEEK

Justice Goff Will Fix Date of Ex-  
ecution Next Wednesday

New York, Oct. 25.—The jurors, who last night returned a verdict of first degree murder against Lieutenant Becker, the first of the seven men to be tried for the murder of Rosen-thal, refused today to discuss their deliberations.

Wednesday next, Justice Goff will fix the time for the prisoner's death in the electric chair.

McIntyre, chief counsel for the defense, today began preliminary steps looking to an appeal and stay of execution fought in the court of appeals, and Becker, pacing a cell in the Tombs, expresses hope of the outcome.

Mrs. Becker, who fainted when the verdict was announced, is under the care of relatives at her home in the Bronx. Becker's mother, aged 83, is overcome at her son's conviction.

The keepers of the Tombs say Becker did not sleep last night. His fellow prisoners heard the verdict almost the instant it was pronounced. In some mysterious manner the message flashed from cell to cell, and when Becker tramped back along the corridor, faces were pressed at the bars to watch him. Yet no one spoke to him. His set face invited no cheering comments from his companions.

Not a word came today from the four gunmen and two alleged accomplices—"Jack" Sullivan and William Shapiro—who also will be tried for Rosen-thal's death. The dates of their trials, which probably will be separate, have not been announced.

Becker was found guilty last night. The verdict was pronounced at 12:05 o'clock this morning. Becker was remanded for sentence to the Tombs by Justice Goff until October 30.

Mrs. Becker, sitting outside the door of the courtroom, fell in a swoon when the verdict was announced. Becker did not flinch when he heard the verdict pronounced by Harold R. Skinner, foreman of the jury.

John P. McIntyre, Becker's chief counsel, announced he would take an immediate appeal.

The twelve jurors, with solemn faces and measured steps, filed into the courtroom at 11:55 o'clock. A minute later the defendant was brought in. Justice Goff had not yet entered the room and for a moment Becker took a side seat. As he waited he scanned with anxious eyes the faces of the jurors, but none of them returned his gaze. A tense silence prevailed. At 11:57 o'clock, Justice Goff entered the courtroom and took his seat. The jury roll was called. The clerk then asked the jurors if they had reached a verdict.

"We have," announced the foreman. The jury rose to its feet.

"We find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment," Mr. Skinner said slowly and evenly, looking squarely at Justice Goff.

"Do you find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment?" asked the clerk.

"We do," the foreman replied. . . .

The court then directed that the roll of the jurors be called for their individual verdicts. As he repeated the question: "Do you find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, as charged?" each juror answered: "I do."

Becker stood at the bar with square shoulders, head erect. Not a muscle moved in his face, but he swallowed hard; that was all.

When the last juror had answered, Justice Goff instructed the clerk to take the defendant's pedigree. Becker answered the questions in a low, firm voice. A court officer brought the questions to him, written on a slip of paper, and as the prisoner read them to himself he replied:

"Forty-two years old; American citizen; born in Germany; address 3239 Audubon avenue; lieutenant of police; married; Protestant; mother living; habits temperate; never convicted before."

When Becker's voice died away, Mr. McIntyre, who had covered his face with his hands as the verdict was given, rose and asked that all further proceedings be deferred for one week, "until I can prepare the proper motions for appeal."

"I will defer sentence," announced Justice Goff, "until October 30 and remand the prisoner until that date." Justice Goff spoke in the same low tone of voice, almost a whisper, that had characterized his utterances during the trial.

Becker gave a fleeting glance at the judge and rested his eyes for a mo-

## POLITICS! POLITICS!



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## CUBAN PARTIES RESORT TO ARMS

Many Shots Fired and Several  
People Are Killed

Havana, Cuba, Oct. 25.—A number of people were killed and some wounded in a battle between the Conservatives and Liberals, which broke out after midnight in Central park in the heart of the city at the close of a meeting of the supporters of Vice President Zayas, who is a candidate for the presidency. Several hundred shots were fired.

The total wounded is forty, including two women. Several are said to be fatally hurt. The first shots were fired apparently by a group of Conservatives gathered in front of a hotel. For ten minutes the firing was brisk. Mounted police and cavalry charged the crowd with drawn muskets and firing revolvers. The mob returned the fire from windows and porches of houses. The hottest fighting was in front of the Albert club. A number of shots struck the American club. Reinforcements of soldiers and police arrived, and the mob dispersed. The fronts of hotels and cafes facing the park are riddled with bullet holes.

Political excitement runs high. Both factions threaten to renew hostilities. The jury had deliberated nearly eight hours before reaching the verdict. Although the case had been in their hands since 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon actual deliberation began at 4:07 o'clock, when the doors of the jury room swung behind them on their return from luncheon.

After the verdict was given, no one was allowed to leave the room until the jury had filed out. Justice Goff had given orders that anyone disturbing the proceedings in the slightest degree should be brought before him for punishment. Two hundred persons or more gathered at the courtroom door. With her ear almost at the keyhole sat the prisoner's wife. As the last juror left the room by another exit the door flew open and a man rushed excitedly into the corridor. The crowd gave way. He was half way down the steps to the telephone booth when a policeman shouted: "What's the verdict?"

"Guilty!" he shouted. For a moment there was silence, keen, intense and gripping. It was broken by a woman's muffled scream and the sound of a falling body. The prisoner's wife had fainted dead away.

The penalty for murder in the first degree is the electric chair. An appeal from the verdict does directly to the court of appeals at Albany and acts, of course, as a stay of execution.

When the jurors left the courtroom they went directly to their homes. They were under the mandate of Justice Goff "not to communicate the nature of what had taken place in the jury room."

Before Mrs. Becker was taken to her home she was allowed to see her husband in the sheriff's rooms in the building. As she entered the door her husband clasped her in his arms. Mrs. Becker burst into tears and Becker tried to calm her. She clung to him for more than a minute and then two women companions touched her, but she did not move. Becker kissed her again and again, and finally whispered to her: "It will come out all right."

Finally Mrs. Becker stepped back and, with a parting kiss, the couple separated. As Becker walked toward the entrance to the "Bridge of Sighs" he smiled back to his wife, but she suddenly threw her hands to her face and staggered into the arms of her women companions. They half carried her to a waiting taxicab. Becker soon was in his cell.

## EVADES MOST VITAL ISSUE

Candidate Watkins Avoids Refer-  
ence to Tonnage Tax

In at least one respect, the address of State Senator Whitney Watkins, Progressive candidate for governor, at the Calumet Light Guard armory last evening, failed to come up to expectations. Although he talked for fully thirty minutes on state issues and nerved a few hot shots into the camp of political enemies, he failed to discuss the one vital state issue of the campaign, so far as the copper country and other mining districts of the upper peninsula are concerned, namely the tonnage tax. In view of the fact that Senator Watkins voted in favor of this specific tax which would impose added burdens upon every miner as well as mine shareholder, when it was before the legislature, his friends of this district had hoped he would come out squarely against it, but in this they were disappointed. His only statement which might be construed as bearing on this issue was:

"Every big interest or industry in the state is entitled to correct and honest representation. The representative who fails to represent such interest is a knave. We want them to continue to provide employment for the men they now have engaged. We believe that all special interests, the railroads, farms and big companies are entitled to just as much consideration as any individual man or woman and no more."

This general statement was not given in reference to the tonnage tax issue and it is believed Senator Watkins' chance of gaining local support would have been improved had he treated with the issue specifically, instead of evading it entirely.

There was a large attendance at last night's rally, the armory being filled to the doors. Prior to Senator Watkins' address, Dr. W. E. Cornell of Chicago spoke at length and after the gubernatorial aspirant left to catch the night train, W. E. Jones of Cripple Creek, Colorado, spoke briefly. Before the opening of the rally, the Lancers band played a number of selections on the street. A male chorus organized by Harry E. King rendered several selections at the armory and two vocal numbers by Miss Leonora Linhoff were highly appreciated.

W. J. Reynolds presided as chairman, and in his opening remarks said he admired Roosevelt because he was always right on any question and because as much as possible he compelled all others to be right. He said Roosevelt demanded the food manufacturers to put a proper statement of the contents on labels and held Roosevelt up to the American boy as a model of righteousness and truth and honesty.

Dr. W. D. Cornell of Chicago, in a lengthy oration, reviewed the birth and development of American liberty and appealed to those present to practice good citizenship. He painted glowing pictures of Patrick Henry, Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln and devoted the last two minutes of his talk to an eulogy of Roosevelt, in which he compared him with those statesmen above mentioned and stated as his profound belief that Roosevelt's fight is inspired by God.

"We have found out there is a government behind our government, which is running Congress," said Dr. Cornell. "No one denies that. The Democrats want to tell you they are out of the grip of the capitalists who have put on the statute books the laws they wanted, but they are wrong. We have found out that the power of this nation is vested in the people, not in their servants. Both of the old political parties have been corrupted and this corruption has so infested the government that you can't get the legislation desired."

Senator Watkins discussed briefly the history of Michigan's fight for a primary election and the fight this year for a presidential preference pri-

## TWINS UNITED BY DEATH AS WELL AS BY BIRTH.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—United by death, as well as by birth, Genevieve and Jeanette Wiley, twins, two months old, this morning were found dead in their cradle. The father, who discovered the babies dead, said that until last night they seemed to be in good health. When put in the cradle last night the twins seemed a little sick.

## ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL FAIR.

Big Event to Continue Through an  
Entire Week in November.

Special preparations are being made by the members of the St. Joseph's Slovenian church, especially the ladies for the annual bazaar and fair to be conducted during the week of Nov. 16. A large number of choice articles have already been prepared to be placed on sale on this occasion and the ladies have also arranged to serve supper every evening of the week.

Special features of the fair will be the grand prize of a "Thor V." motorcycle, which is now on exhibition in Red Jacket and the diamond ring contest for which a number of the ladies have already been nominated. The voting is spirited and it is expected this contest will be a huge success. Throughout the various evenings of the week, the children of the church will render special musical and literary programs which they are now preparing.

The annual bazaar and fair is one of the big features of the church year for the Slovenian congregation and this year's effort will be no exception.

## NAME NOT ON BALLOT.

Chippewa Co. Commissioners Decide  
Against W. J. MacDonald.

Yesterday's Mining Journal says: W. J. MacDonald, who spent several hours in Marquette yesterday waiting for his train to Gwinn, where, with Rev. Bates G. Burt, he addressed a political meeting last night, was informed while in the city, that the Chippewa county board of election commissioners had refused to print his name on the ballot that will be used in the November election.

Mr. MacDonald had planned to attend the rally to be addressed in the Lighthouse theater, by L. Whitney Watkins, but he at once arranged to go to the Soo this afternoon to look into the situation there, with a view of determining what action he should take. Yesterday he was in touch with a Soo attorney, whom he requested to make a preliminary study of the facts surrounding the board's action, and it is not unlikely that before the end of the week he will apply for a peremptory writ of mandamus that will tie up the printing of the Chippewa county ballots until there is a determination by the court whether the election commissioners acted within their rights in shutting him out.

## NO KEWEENAW JOB HOLDERS.

From Lansing comes the report that the job holders at the state capitol are getting shaky. Many holders of patronage undoubtedly will be seeking jobs. A statistical crank at Lansing has figured up the distribution of this patronage and accords Keweenaw county the unique distinction of being the only county in Michigan without a citizen holding down a state job at Lansing.

many with immediate effect, which he said was thwarted by thirteen senators. He discussed the wire pulling necessary to defeat this measure, in which he said Washington, Detroit and Grand Rapids influences played a conspicuous part.

Mr. Watkins said the defeat of the preferential primary measure was a good thing, for it gave immediate effect to the wave of Progressive sentiment which held the state in its grasp and aroused the people to fight for their rights.

"The Progressives are not fighting the Democrats or the Republicans," said Mr. Watkins. "They are fighting the political bosses. There is not a bit of difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. They are ruled by the same kind of men. We want clean politics and good government. In every campaign up to this one, the voter has been played as a 'political sucker.' The Republican party puts two or three good things in its platform and the Democratic party puts two or three good things in its platform and then each party urges the voters to support the entire ticket. Americans are born scoundrels. We have red blood in our veins and glory in a real old fashioned political scrap. It's the same old program year after year. Which ever side wins the political boss skims off the cream and the voter doesn't get anything. There is no distinction between political parties either in Washington or Lansing. The bosses of both parties fought for the retention of Lorimer and Smoot in the Senate."

Mr. Watkins bitterly attacked the Wayne County "Vote Swappers" League, the Republican faction being led by Alex. Groesbeck and the Democratic faction by Ed. Hennessy. Both are attorneys and they are almost law partners, he said. It doesn't make any difference to them which side wins out.

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## BIG FORCE DEFENDING ADRIANOPLE

Turks Have 220,000 of Their Fin-  
est Fighting Men in and  
About the City

INVADERS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Servians and Bulgarians Routed

According to Dispatch From  
Constantinople

ALREADY TALK OF PEACE

Constantinople, Oct. 25.—Stories of desperate hand-to-hand fighting between Bulgarians and Turks are told in dispatches reaching here from Adrianople. Great losses were sustained by both armies in the battles of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Eight battalions of Bulgarians who attacked the village of Maras yesterday were repulsed by the Turks with heavy losses. The Turks have 160,000 of their finest troops on a line stretching from Kirk-Kilisesh to Adrianople, which latter city is garrisoned by 60,000 men.

On the other side of the peninsula, Zekki Pasha, with an army of 30,000 Turks, is reported to have attacked the Servian army north of Kumanova just as a large force of Bulgarians was about to effect a juncture with it. The Servian troops were broken up and fled in confusion back across the frontier, leaving a battery of artillery and the general's flag behind. The Turks took many prisoners and found a large number of dead and wounded in the field. Zekki Pasha then attacked and routed the Bulgarians, driving them also across the frontier, with the loss of four field guns.

## Montenegrins Attack Scutari.

Rieksa, Montenegro, Oct. 25.—The Montenegrin army succeeded in surrounding the Turkish town of Scutari yesterday afternoon. The population of Scutari is in a state of panic. The Montenegrins made a desperate attack on the town, but an annihilating force from the Turkish artillery compelled them to retire. A vigorous attack will be made on the city today from three sides.

The Montenegrins occupied the town of Turakosch after bombarding the fortress. They also took possession of the upper fort, evacuated by the Turks.

## Turks Are Forced Back.

Cettinji, Oct. 25.—An engagement is proceeding between the Montenegrins and Turks near Koplik, 12 miles north of Scutari. It is reported the Montenegrins have turned the Turkish position and forced a retreat on Scutari.

## Servians Claim Great Victory.

Belgrade, Oct. 25.—The Servians claim to have won a great victory over the Turks at Kulanova. They state the Turk loss was five thousand men, twelve guns and an enormous amount of ammunition. Fighting of the most desperate character continued for three days. It is said the Turks numbered 25,000.

## Rejoicing at Belgrade.

Belgrade, Oct. 25.—The news of the fall of Kirk-Kilisesh has been received here with great public rejoicing. A dispatch from Vranja declares the Servians hold important positions between Kumanova and Uskup and that the Turkish army is falling back on Uskup.

## Wounded Fill Hospitals.

Vienna, Oct. 25.—The number of wounded being transported from Adrianople and Kirk-Kilisesh to Constantinople is so great that the military and government hospitals cannot contain them, according to dispatches from Constantinople.

## Talk of Peace.

Sofia, Oct. 25.—"If the powers sincerely desire to pacify the Balkans, peace can soon be concluded," said Premier Guecheff of Bulgaria in an interview this morning. He continued:

"The best friends of Turkey now are those who advise her not to prolong a hopeless struggle. The sooner the Turks submit the better it will be for them and humanity. All friends of mankind must deprecate the mischievous talk that this war is one of extermination. The Balkan states have no intention of exterminating the Turkish people."

American Money For Greeks.  
Boston, Oct. 25.—Examination of the postal records at Boston confirms the statement of those in touch with the

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